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*Sanitary report from Vera Cruz.*VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *April 25, 1899.*

SIR: I arrived Saturday from Tampico, and immediately commenced to secure information here in regard to the prevalence of yellow fever.

From the city health reports and native physicians I learned that only a few cases now exist in the port, and those of the ordinary type, the mortality being about 41 per cent.

The epidemic (?) commenced last August, the eight previous months no cases having been reported. The records show deaths from yellow fever annually for the last thirty-three years. For many years it has been necessary to report all deaths and causes before a burial permit was issued. About three years ago a law was passed making it compulsory to report all contagious and infectious diseases. I understand that the poorer classes have the majority of cases, and treat them with domestic remedies, and never report any cases until all of their remedies have proved unsuccessful, consequently the percentage of deaths in hospitals and physicians practice is larger than it should be.

The shipping is free from the disease at present, and has been so for several years, why I do not know. The stevedores are natives, and it is this class that are especially prone to the fever, they go aboard the vessels direct from the infected districts, and keep up a constant intercourse with the ships as long as they are in the harbor.

The crews of American vessels are not allowed ashore either day or night. The baggage of all passengers leaving Vera Cruz by sea is fumigated before going aboard the vessels.

Vessels leaving for United States Gulf ports will not take passengers. Passengers and baggage can get from here into Texas in three and one-half days by rail, without fumigation.*

In the course of ten days I expect to forward you a map of the city with explanatory tables and statistics, also information in regard to possible dangerous routes to the United States.

Yours, very truly,

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NICARAGUA.

*Smallpox in Bluefields.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *April 18, 1899.*

SIR: Since my last report I have found 1 case of variola, mild but undoubted. It is in the person of a soldier from the interior. He is now isolated and his effects have been either disinfected or destroyed. I have directed the agents of the steamship lines to order by return steamer vaccine virus, and immediately on its receipt will vaccinate laborers, etc. Have also suggested to the officials the propriety of their ordering virus to vaccinate all soldiers, and, if the disease spreads, instituting a general vaccination in the town.

Very respectfully,

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*Sanitary inspectors are stationed at Eagle Pass, Laredo, and El Paso, Tex., to inspect passenger traffic from Mexico.